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In response to another call from

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[redacted], constituent of Representative Jonathan B. Bingham, (D., New York) who is interested in the well-being of [redacted]

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I called [redacted], VNO, he said he had no further information and suggested that I call the State Department Vietnam Task Force (632-9800). I subsequently talked to Mr. Kopf of the Task Force.

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He had no information but took what identifying data I had and said it would be included in their computer listing. The home and office telephone numbers of [redacted] were given, to be immediately

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notified if any information is received. I then called [redacted] and advised him accordingly. I told him that we would continue to check in our channels and I would advise him immediately if we developed any information.

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Met with Jack Brady, ~~House International Relations Committee staff~~, and provided him the 30 April letter to the Director from Representative Lester Wolff (D., N.Y.) concerning CIA's

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I also provided Brady an update on the situation in Laos along the lines of the article appearing in today's NID.

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Accompanied [redacted], OSR, and

[redacted], OCI, to an executive session briefing of the Subcommittee on Investigations, ~~House International Relations Committee~~, on the Indian Ocean. See Memorandum for the Record.

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Accompanied [redacted] OCI, to a

briefing of Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) and his son, William E. Jackson, on India. Senator Cranston agreed that he would not make attribution to the Agency and, of course, would recognize the classified aspects of the briefing. Senator Cranston took a number of notes. His essential point was that the United States should tilt towards India since it is one of the major democracies in the world. [redacted] explained that while there are those in the government who would like closer relations with the United States, there is also an underlying antipathy with the top level. (See [redacted] Memorandum for the Record.)

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16. [redacted] Mr. Abernathy, in the office of Representative Stephen Neal, called and said the owners of the Mayaguez were constituents of Neal's and they (the owners) were anxious to know if the ship was involved in any intelligence activity. (He mentioned that Reynolds Tobacco Company owned the Sea Land Corporation.) I told him I had heard that there was no intelligence activity involved, but I would double check and be back in touch with him.

Later I called Abernathy and advised him the information about the ship being involved in intelligence activity came from TASS. I said we have no indication whatever to this effect, adding that the ship was carrying some noncombative military goods going to Thailand. Abernathy asked if he could use this information for a press release and when I expressed reservations, said he would do whatever we wanted. I said I would check and see if anyone has issued a release on this and let him know.

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Again, later in the day, I called Abernathy, and in his absence spoke with Bob Shephard and asked him to tell Abernathy that Ron Nessen, White House Press Secretary has issued a flat denial of intelligence involvement.

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17. [redacted] Jack Brady, House International Relations Committee staff, called and asked if someone could stop by to see him today concerning Laos. He is particularly interested in knowing where Vang Pao is. STATINTL I told him [redacted] would be at the briefing of the Hamilton Subcommittee this afternoon and I would have [redacted] fill him in on Laos. I did tell Brady, however, that Vang Pao was still in Laos--at least as of this morning.

I told Brady I had planned to get in touch with either him or Marian Czarnecki, of the staff, about the session this afternoon with the Hamilton Subcommittee. I said I understood Hamilton had given the Subcommittee the word about discussing CIA testimony outside of the briefing. I said I know it is difficult to control the members but we simply cannot provide intelligence briefings unless the confidentiality of the information can be assured. Brady said there are just one or two members who are problems in this regard but they would make the point that divulging any of the information received in the briefing would prejudice everything. STAT

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Later Brady called and said he had passed to Wolff our message denying the allegation Wolff had referred to his in his letter and he seems to be happy. Brady said he made no mention of a written reply. I told Brady that someone from our Office would be by to pick up the original letter.

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STAT 9. [REDACTED] Louise O'Brien, House International Relations Committee staff, called and requested the names and titles of the men who will be doing the briefing tomorrow of the Subcommittee on Investigations. I supplied Ms. O'Brien with the information.

STAT 10. [REDACTED] Barbara Bowserman, OMB, called and said she had a package for Mr. Cary and would like one of our couriers to pick it up. Arrangements were made for the package to be picked up at 0900 hours tomorrow.

STAT 11. [REDACTED] Dropped by to see Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to provide some personnel figures for the use only of Chairman John Sparkman (D., Ala.) on an if and when needed basis. He was tied up all afternoon on the South Vietnamese refugee aid bill.

STAT 12. [REDACTED] Bill Jones, INR/State, called with respect to our earlier conversation on the proposed legislation on unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods indicating that Mr. Hyland had agreed with Mr. Malmberg that the timing of the proposal was not propitious. Jones thus suggested that we concentrate on making our own suggestions to State's proposed response to OMB on this matter directly with Malmberg.

STAT 13. [REDACTED] Al Tarabochia, Staff Member, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security called concerning a photo of Senator and Mrs. George McGovern, (D., S. Dak.) in a jeep with Fidel Castro in Cuba, which appeared in today's Washington Post. According to Tarabochia, his sources tentatively identified the woman sitting between Castro and Mrs. McGovern as a Cuban intelligence-type, first name "Alina or Elena". He asked that I confirm the information and call him back. DDO is checking.

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3. [redacted] Called Dorothy Fosdick, Professional Staff Director, Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, and explained the reasons why Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, could not be available for the briefing that she had requested the other day but that [redacted] DDS&T, would be made available to update her on the Soviet hardware situation. The briefing for Ms. Fosdick and Richard Perle, of the Subcommittee staff, is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Monday, 12 May. Ms. Fosdick said it would not be necessary to go into the Soviet Okian 75 naval exercise but she did stress that they wanted to see the latest photographic estimates, new developments that they had heard about and otherwise would like to have the type of briefing that Mr. Duckett has provided in the past. [redacted] DDS&T, has been advised.

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4. [redacted] Mike Van Dusen, House International Relations Committee staff, called and I confirmed the briefing of the Subcommittee on Investigations for 2:00 p.m. on 13 May on the situation in the Indian Ocean. Van Dusen was very considerate of our concern with security of the briefing but said it would be difficult to limit it simply to Chairman Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.) and the Ranking Minority Member, Pierre du Pont (R., Del.) but assured me that the Chairman would make it abundantly clear to invited members of the Subcommittee and other Chairmen of the full Committee of his commitment to us with respect to honoring our security understanding. 25X1A  
Van Dusen said that as a result of the leakage out of [redacted]s, NIO/SEA, briefing of 16 April, the Chairman had written a strongly worded letter of admonition to all members of the Subcommittee and that 7 or 8 of them replied endorsing his views. I told Van Dusen that it is our feeling that the greatest service would be to share our knowledge with all members of the Subcommittee but that we must count upon them to be able to exercise the discipline concerning security upon which our continuing cooperation is dependent. Van Dusen agreed that it was up to them to assure that their house was in order.

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5. [redacted] Returned the call of George Armstrong, in the office of Representative John Ashbrook (R., Ohio), who asked me to stop by to see him on Monday about a matter which he did not want to discuss on the phone.

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1. [REDACTED] Met briefly with Tom Smeeton, Minority staff, House International Relations Committee, and provided him with an Agency publication entitled "Cuba: The Revolution Matures" (110 0090/75). Smeeton had asked for some background information on Cuba in connection with hearings the Committee will hold shortly on the subject of re-opening trade with Cuba.

Later in the day he called to ask for an organizational chart of the Agency and the Community to assist him in briefing Representative William S. Broomfield, ranking minority member of the Committee.

2. [REDACTED] Delivered an advanced copy of the Director's speech before the Commonwealth Club of California to: Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee; Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee; and Guy McConnell, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee.

3. [REDACTED] Called Sandy Gilbert, House Appropriations Committee staff, and gave her the page numbers to the 6 May 1975 transcript of the Director's testimony before the Defense Subcommittee of the Committee.

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4. [REDACTED] Discussed with Bruce Wood, in the office of Representative John N. Erlenborn (R., Ill.) a suggested reply to a constituent [REDACTED] who raised questions as to the Agency's mail intercept program.

5. [REDACTED] Left with Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, a copy of the article on CIA which appeared in the May 1975 issue of Penthouse magazine.

6. [REDACTED] Left with Susan, in the office of Senator Dewey F. Bartlett (R., Okla.), their copies of the publication, Kilbriattain Newspapers Ltd. and gave her a brief rundown on the publication and its publisher. She said this would suffice and doubted that they would need anything further.

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25X1 25X1A 7. [redacted] Delivered to the office of Representative Richard L. Ottinger (D., N. Y.) [redacted]'s letter to him dated 7 May 1975 concerning the FOI request of a constituent, [redacted]

25X1 8. [redacted] Carl Blake, in the office of Representative Donald Riegle (D., Mich.) called and said that the material I had sent to him out of the Representative's file satisfied Mr. Riegle and asked if we would set up a briefing for the Representative on Egypt, Israel and Jordan in connection with a trip he intends to make there during the May break. Mr. [redacted] OCI, will do the briefing which was set for Thursday, 15 May at 10:30 a. m.

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25X1 25X1A 9. [redacted] [redacted] OSR, called to alert us to the impending visit by Andrew Hamilton, of the House Budget Committee, with Mr. [redacted] OSR, which has as its purpose the obtaining of information in connection with Hamilton's Budget Committee assignment. I advised [redacted], that any requests for information by Hamilton relating to the Agency should be referred to this office.

25X1 25X1A 10. [redacted] Mike Van Dusen, House International Relations Committee staff, called to schedule a briefing on the Indian Ocean for Tuesday, 13 May at 2:00 p. m. for the Subcommittee on Investigations, chaired by Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.). We discussed the security problem we recently experienced and the possibility to avert this by having only Chairman Hamilton and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative Pierre du Pont (R., Del.), briefed. Van Dusen said he would check with the Chairman and be back in touch.

25X1 11. [redacted] Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called regarding the Sam Adams allegations in Harper's Magazine and the criticism of Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.). Hogan wanted us to check on what we had provided the Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, on this subject. Later, I advised Hogan that while we had been prepared to provide such a briefing, apparently Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel of the Committee, would not arrange his schedule and that of Mr. Nedzi to accommodate such a briefing. Instead, I suggested to close the loop we would be happy to provide a paper on the subject. This satisfied Hogan.

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25X1 17. [redacted] Spoke with Bill Jones, INR/State  
25X1 Department concerning H. R. 1311 (prohibiting Government officials  
from soliciting funds from private citizens to influence elections abroad)  
and concurred in State's no objection comment. Jones assured me that  
the State response would not contain the gratuitous comments which had  
troubled us in State's views report to the 93rd Congress on similar  
legislation.

25X1 18. [redacted] Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel,  
House Armed Services Committee, called to learn if there was any truth  
to the Jack Anderson article in the paper today that the Soviets had conducted  
a military exercise which had as its theme a first strike on the United  
States. 25X1A

[redacted] OCI, and I met with Slatinshek later in the day and  
Hepworth explained the kernel of truth involved in the article and the  
abundance of inaccurate information and conjecture that flowed therefrom.

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25X1 19. [redacted] [redacted], D/LOG, called to report  
that GSA had come through the back door to establish contact with the  
Agency in response to Representative James Hanley's (D., N. Y.) 22 April  
1975 letter to GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson. I reviewed my  
session earlier in the day with Mr. Hanley and of my suggestion to Mr.  
Duckett, DDS&T, that Sampson be briefed which should handle the matter.

25X1 20. [redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senator  
John Sparkman (D., Ala.) and Representative Carl Albert (D., Okla.) [redacted]  
items in which their names were mentioned.

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25X1 21. [redacted] Delivered to Sandy Gilbert, Defense  
Subcommittee staff, House Appropriations Committee, for Charles Snodgrass,  
an advanced copy of the Director's statement for the up-coming briefing before  
the Subcommittee.

25X1 22. [redacted] Spoke with Jane Walters, Congressional  
Research Service, Library of Congress, who asked if I could give her the  
name of Ambassador Richard Helms' attorney. I suggested that since Mr.  
Helms now works for the State Department that she contact them and she  
said she would.

25X1 23. [redacted] Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, ~~House~~  
International Relations Committee, called. He said the Committee would be  
holding hearings shortly on the possibility of lifting Cuban trade restrictions.  
One of the considerations involved in this, he said, is the question of  
possible violations of human rights in Cuba. He asked for any assistance  
the Agency might be able to provide. I told him I would look into it and be back in touch.

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